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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Pol/Econ Chief May 23 forwarded reftel demarche points concerning assistance to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. In a subsequent conversation May 24, Shaikh Abdul Aziz said he had already forwarded the request to provide ammunition to the LAF to the Bahrain Defense Force (BDF). He was unsure whether the BDF was in a position to offer ammunition.

¶2. (C) Regarding a public statement in support of the GOL, Shaikh Abdul Aziz pointed out that Foreign Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa's comments on the issue had been covered in the press May 24. According to press reports, Shaikh Khalid condemned the illegal actions of the Fatah Al Islam group and expressed his regret over the painful events in Lebanon.

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